

Kantor & Kantor Secures Major Victory for Workers in ERISA Class Action Lawsuit

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KANTON & KANTOR LLP SCORES BIG WIN FOR PARTICIPANTS IN ERISA CLASS ACTION

Northridge, CA – December 18, 2023 – <u>Kantor & Kantor LLP</u>, a leading national law firm specializing in employee benefits and ERISA litigation, is proud to announce a major victory for participants in a class action lawsuit. The case, *Robert Cockerill et. al. v. Corteva, Inc. et. al.*, involves hundreds of participants who were improperly denied the ability to qualify for early and optional retirement benefits following a corporate spin-off.

The case centers around a group of employees who participated in a pension plan sponsored by the chemical company DuPont. In 2017, DuPont merged with Dow Chemical Company and in 2019 spun-off into three separate entities: Dow, Inc., Corteva, Inc. and DuPont de Nemours, Inc. Although the plaintiffs continued to work at the same place for a company called DuPont, the pension plan was placed under Corteva which resulted in cutting off the workers' eligibility for certain retirement benefits.

Kantor & Kantor attorneys successfully moved for class certification. The court's order certifies two classes of participants: those under age 50 at the time of the spin-off who seek early retirement benefits and those age 50 or older at the time of the spin-off who seek optional retirement benefits.

"This is a significant victory for workers who were misled and denied their hard-earned retirement benefits," said Elizabeth Hopkins, attorney for the plaintiffs and partner at Kantor & Kantor. "The court's decision sends a strong message that employers cannot manipulate ERISA plans to the detriment of their employees. This case is a testament to the importance of ERISA and the power of class action litigation to hold employers accountable for their wrongdoing," said Ms. Hopkins.

Kantor & Kantor LLP, along with co-counsel Edward Stone Law and Feinberg Jackson Worthman & Wasow LLP, represent the plaintiffs in this case. See the links below for more information about the case and the class certification ruling.

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